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Statement from Houston Fire and Arson Investigation Division regarding fatal fire on Feb. 19, 2005

The Houston Fire and Arson Investigation Division filed Manslaughter charges against Jack O'Connell Cordua, W/M D.O.B. 02/05/61, on March 16, 2005 in the death of Houston Fire Captain Grady Burke. Manslaughter is a second degree felony punishable by two to twenty years in the penitentiary.

The Division was able to file the charge of Manslaughter because of the invaluable assistance and efforts of the Houston Police Department Homicide Division, Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and The Texas State Fire Marshal's office.